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What is a hazardous material?

A chemical or other substance that has the potential to cause a situation that is immediately dangerous to life and health.

Hazardous materials safety tips



Oil drums stored on pallets without proper containment. One drum has been tipped, contaminating the soil, which now requires disposal as hazardous waste.

☑ Educate yourself about the hazardous materials you work with. Be aware of the reactivity of various chemicals. It is YOUR responsibility and YOUR right-to-know about the chemicals that you use.

☑ Follow approved procedures when you handle hazardous materials. Know any special first aid procedures related to chemical exposure.

☑ Handle, mix, store and dispose of hazardous materials safely.

☑ Read and understand product warning labels and the Material Safety Data Sheet. Don't use any chemicals that are unlabeled.

☑ Wear the right personal protective equipment (PPE) for your work. Check your PPE carefully before use. Clean PPE after each use. Store your PPE properly.

☑ Wait. If you are unsure, don't proceed until you get answers. **If you have any hazardous material questions**, you can contact **Supply Haz Mat Office DSN 264-3926/3930**, for **any hazardous material disposal (waste) questions**, you can contact **Public Works Environmental Office DSN 264-3552**.

